

c. Notifications.

"S BY THE "FRENCH PACKET,"
Sunday Mail Packet.—The "**"SINDH"** will
 be despatched on **THURSDAY,** the 13th March,
 with the Mail—
 and through the United Kingdom via
 India; to France and other Continental
 Ports in a closed mail, to French ports, Saigon,
 Haiphong, Galle, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras,
 Ceylon, Rangoon, Batavia, Singapore, Penang,
 Swatow, Amoy, Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama,
 Kobe, Osaka, and Japan.
Post Office will be open for the reception
 of Letters, Newspapers, Books, &c.,
 on **WEDNESDAY,** the 13th March, after which
 no communications can be received.
 Orders on any of the Money Order-
 Agents in the United Kingdom will be granted
 at **6 p.m.** on the 13th March.
 Applications for Registration will be received
 at **6 p.m.** on the 13th March.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1873.

I hereby notified that henceforward the
 money orders addressed to Newfoundland
 must be paid in advance, will by as fol-
 lowing:

In forwarded via	34 cents each 1 ounce.
India.....	34 " " "
In forwarded via	34 " " "
China.....	34 " " "

28 " " "
 F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
 Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 22d February, 1873.
 I hereby notified that henceforward the
 on letters addressed to Denmark, when
 mailed via Southampton, will be 28 cents
 in advance, prepayment optional. Unpaid
 will be subject to an additional charge
 of 5 cents.
 F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
 Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 22d February, 1873.
 I hereby notified that henceforward the
 on letters addressed to Norway, when
 mailed via Southampton, will be 35 cents
 in advance, prepayment optional. Unpaid
 will be subject to an additional charge
 of 5 cents.
 F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
 Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 22d February, 1873.
 Post Office of Victoria (Australia) having
 notice to the General Post Office in Lon-

at articles of Jewellery received in that
are chargeable with Customs Duties,
designated countries it is necessary to make
regulations known to the Public, and to
specify any letters or packets containing
articles sent through the Post are liable,
their contents, to be forfeited.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 2d January, 1873.

Whereby notified for general information,
the Postage on Letters addressed to Russia,
which are forwarded by Sea-Postage, will
be 86 cents for each half ounce,
whenever either be paid in advance, or it may
be collected on delivery of the Letters,
the Letters will be subject to an additional
charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1870.

Whereby notified for general information
concerning the Postage on Letters ad-
dressed to Russia, when marked to be forward-
ed to Canton, will be reduced to 40 cents
per ounce.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

Post Office,
Hong Kong, 18th September, 1872.

I hereby notified that the rate of postage payable henceforth on Letters addressed to the United Kingdom, and to places beyond the United Kingdom, when forwarded by French Mail, will be the same as those chargeable on Letters forwarded by British Packet via Brazil.

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster General.

Post Office,
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1872.

I hereby notified that Letters addressed by Post will be sent either paid or unpaid at the discretion of the sender; but the postage on Current Newspapers and Books cannot be paid.

For each ounce
of postage chargeable on Letters
addressed to France per
British Packet is..... 12 cents.
British Packet when marked via
Brazil..... 18 "
British Packet when marked via
Sardinia and Madeira..... 12 "
F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster General.

Post Office,
Hong Kong, 18th September, 1872.

London, 2nd April, 1870.

I hereby notified for general information
that on and after the 1st August next, the
commission chargeable on Money Orders
issued by the United Kingdom at Hongkong,
Shanghai, and Yokohama will be as follows,

Packets not exceeding £2.....	18 cents.
" " above £2 and not exceeding £5.....	36 "
" " above £5 and not exceeding £7.....	54 "
" " above £7 and not exceeding £10.....	72 "

F. W. NICHELL, —
General Agent.

Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th July, 1870.

I hereby notified that henceforward the
rate of postage which must be paid in advance,
on Parcels or Packages of printed papers or
Circulars of light weight sent from Hongkong
by the United Kingdom by the United States,
to San Francisco, will be as follows

A packet not exceeding 1 ounce	
in weight.....	2 cents
a packet above 1 ounce not ex-	
ceeding 2 ounces.....	3 "
a packet above 2 ounces not ex-	
ceeding 4 ounces.....	4 "
a packet for seven cents for postal for- fees only to Printed Circulars. Price	

Market Reports, and all printed papers than Newspapers, as well as to Books Trade Patterns or Samples.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
and Post Office,
Hongkong, 12th April, 1870.

Arrangements having been made under the mails for London arriving at Suva from Hongkong by Private Ship will be forwarded to the Consulate via Brindisi, it is hereby notified that the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on correspondence addressed to the Consulate at London so forwarded, will be as follows:

Newspapers,	24 cents per half ounce.
Letters,	8 " each.
Books and papers,	1 ounce 4 cents.
Letters,	2 " 6 "
Books and papers,	4 " 12 "
every additional 1/2 ounce,	4 " 12 "

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
and Post Office,
Hongkong, 20th December, 1871.

It is hereby notified that arrangements have been completed under which correspondence addressed to Hongkong will be forwarded to Nagasaki, Yokohama, and to Hio-go via Yokohama, by the

the States and Packets, and what Letters, and Samples, and Boxes beyond Fourpence, to be forwarded from Nagasaki, and Hong Kong, to the United States' Packets via Amoy and Yokohama respectively. The rates of postage chargeable on such correspondence is four cents for each half-ounce letter, two cents on each Newspaper, and one cent on each two ounces of Books and Samples of other articles. In addition the Rates specified in the Table of Rates of Postage are put in force.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

at Post Office,
Hongkong, 16th January, 1871.

Extracts.

A FAMOUS ACTOR.

The *Sunday Times*, answering a correspondent, revives the memory of the once famous Joe Haines, who died in 1701. He is said to have been a person of great cheerfulness and readiness of wit, which, together with his inimitable performance on the stage as a comedian, procured him not only the acquaintance, but the familiarity of the first rank. His forte seems to have been in speaking prologues and epilogues, particularly those written by himself. Anthony Aston said, "Joe Haines is more remarkable for the witty though wicked pranks he played, and his prologues and epilogues, than for acting." He was, at first, a dancer. After he had made his tour of France he narrowly escaped being seized and sent to the Bastille for representing an English poet, and running 8,000 livres in debt. But, happily, landing at Dover, he went to London. However, this affair spoiled Joe's expiring credit; for next morning a couple of bailiffs seized him in an action of £20, as the Bishop of Ely was passing by in his coach. Quoth Joe, to the bailiffs, "Gentlemen, here is my cousin, the Bishop of Ely, going into his house to dine, and to speak to him, and he's a great deal of a fellow." The bailiffs thought they might do that, and the Bishop within three or four yards of his house, and the coach, pulling off his hat, and got close to it. The Bishop ordered the coach to stop, whilst Joe, close to his ear, said softly, "My Lord, here are two men who have such great scruples of conscience that I fear they'll hang themselves." "Very well," said the Bishop; so, calling to the bailiffs, he said, "You may come to me to-morrow and take away Joe. The men may be a little stiff, but I'll give you a little help with my device, also, want his, lunging himself with his device, also, want his." In the morning the bailiffs, expecting the debt and charges, repaired to the Bishop's. "Well," said he, "what are your scruples of conscience?" "Scruples," said the bailiffs, "we have no scruples. We are bailiffs, my Lord, who yesterday arrested your cousin Joe Haines for £20. Your lordship promised us to satisfy the debt, and we hope you will." "The Bishop, reflecting that his name and name would be exposed if he complied not, paid the debt and charges." Quin told the following story of Haines: In James II.'s time, when Popery was a road to preferment, he among others, professed himself a convert, and declared that the Virgin had appeared to him. Lord Southwell sent for Haines, and asked him about the truth of his conversion, and whether he had really seen the Virgin. "Yes, my Lord; I saw her," was the fact. "How was it, pray?" "Why, as I was lying in my bed, the Virgin appeared, and said 'Arise Joe,'" "You lie, you rogue!" said the earl, "if it had been the Virgin she would have said 'Joseph.' It it had only been out of respect for her husband."

A SPECTRE STORY.

(From the Cornhill Magazine.)

A public bath-house is, even in Mahometan ideas, somewhat of what a theatre or an opera-house may be to a "strict" evangelist, hardly a "proper" place; and this notion, which is unfortunately too often correct in these regions by fact, even in half-anticipatory, half-averse, half-resentful, half-antipathetic, half-chance, soliloquy, or any other terrifying cause, may readily heighten into vision. How many goblins, and of what precise sort, have been seen in the Xenos hamman, in Trebizond, I do not know—the census is yet in its infancy in Turkey—but in the Pharos suburb adjoining, not ten minutes' distance from the ill-famed bath, there yet lives a man of respectable family and condition, married, well-to-do, and, under forty years of age, not yet galled with the decrepitude, half-paralyzed in body, and from time to time wandering also in mind, inexpressible alike of business and enjoyment. This wretched condition dates from a night in the bath-house of Xenos six years back, under the circumstances which I will now relate as they were told me by a member of the sufferer's own family: the matter was one of general notoriety in the town. It was in the Mahometan or lunar month of Shaban, which this year began on the 12th of November, and which, as you may remember, is the thirty-day's yearly feast of Ramadan, is in some measure a festive time for the followers of the Prophet, a time of Carnival before their severe Lent. Osuan Kaleb-Zadeh, to give him his name in full, had not yet one night left rather late in one of the coffee-houses—here the ordinary social resorts—of the quarter, amusing himself, after the fashion of the country, by playing backgammon with a friend of his own acquaintance, and discussing the ordinary topics of the season. While the coffee-house had to be closed, a little before midnight, they were the last to leave it; and before parting for the night they agreed to meet early by the first dawn at the public bath close by, and afterwards to go together into town upon some business which they had arranged in common. They then separated. Osuan went home and to bed, intending to be up before daybreak and join his friend at the bath. But in the middle of his sleep he he was suddenly awakened by a sharp knock at the door. He then got up and opening it to see what was the matter, he beheld standing outside what he supposed to be his companion of the evening before, with a lantern in his hand. The night was still, warm, and overcast with low misty clouds, as nights often are here during the winter solstice, cold and storm rarely setting in before mid-January.

"What has brought you here so early?" he asked. "It is not yet near morning."

"How so?" replied the other; "the dawn has already broken, only 'tis cloudy and dark. If we do not make haste we shall and the bath crowded with people and the streets will be full of buyers. Besides, the sooner the better; get your things on and come!"

Hearing all this, Osman supposed that he must have overslept himself, and was, really behind time. So he slipped quietly back into the house, dressed himself, and came out. His friend was still waiting, and he, too, was in hand, at the door. "Now, my dear, hurry up, for the day is passing along the narrow lanes, now doubly dark with overshadowing trees, talking familiarly as they went, till they came out on the little open space close by the coffee-house where Osman had spent the evening, where stands a noble plane-tree, and opposite, beyond, is the low dark entrance of the bath they were going to. But on one side; the view opens out, across the Xmas ravine, to the battlemented walls of the castle opposite; and beyond these again rises high in air the tall stone minaret of a mosque, once a Byzantine church, and now the principal place of Mahometan worship within the limits of the old fortified town. Here they stopped to breathe the fresh air a moment after the close stifling lanes. It was murky night.

Osman looked east, but there was no hint of dawn there; only the tapering outline of the minaret was traced faintly white against the blackness of the sky. "How far off it looks in the dusk," and how high!" he exclaimed.

"Not so very far off, nor so very high neither," said the other, in a strange altered voice, that made his companion start.

"Suppose we have light it up—shall I?"

Without waiting for an answer, he stretched out his arm, which suddenly lengthened right across the valley before them, the city walls, and the houses beyond, till it reached the minaret, and hung the lantern on the pointed summit where it re-

trained suspended, glittering like a star in the gloom.

Towered at the sight, Osman turned to ask—but his companion had vanished, and he was all alone under the plane-tree in the silent night. Without waiting for more, he hurried back as best he might to his own house, entered, and threw himself dressed as he was on his wife's bed.

His wife woke up and inquired what had happened him—where he had been. He gave some evasive answer, and then lay quiet, pretending to go to sleep, and wishing for the morning. Only a few minutes, however, his wife waited when rap it came, and she was again—Osman when rap it came, and she was again—Osman repeated his wife awoke, and not suspecting what had occurred before, begged her husband to get up and see who was outside. Ashamed to own either his fears or their cause, Osman reluctantly rose, left the room, and stood in the house-door, and there, strong enough, stood his friend—or the semblance of his friend—lantern in hand, waiting.

"Who are you?" asked Osman.

The other stared.

"Why, do you not know me?" said he.

"Were we not playing backgammon together last evening? and did we not agree to go together to the bath this morning? Come along, or we shall be late; the day is breaking."

Form, voice, manner, all were those of his friend. Osamu felt again ashamed to hint at his suspicions; so he determined to put a bold face on it, and accompanied the other into the street. Before they had gone far he himself learnt to despise his own fears; so thoroughly did the easy and straightforward talk of the one at his side convince him that this must be the no-tricky phantom, but a real living man and brother "beyond a doubt." Still, he refrained from mentioning the incident of an hour before, lest he should be laughed at or disbelieved. They passed the open place, the plane-tree, and reached the bath. To their surprise—Osamu's, at least—its door stood wide open, and the entrance-hall was empty, and the attendant was to be moving within; the head bath-keeper's accustomed place was empty, nor did any attendants come forward to meet them. But the bathing wrappers, towels, and other requisites were all ready put out in some hung up, some lying, folded in their proper places; everything was neatly arranged and fit for use.

"They must have got the bath in order," said Osamu, finding that nobody came, and returned in again for a nap," said Osamu's companion.

"Well, till some one awakes, we had best change our dress, and make ourselves comfortable for the meantime, in the heating room."

Osman agreed, and the two exchanged their out-of-doors dress for the costume ordinary in an eastern bath, consisting of very tight like wrappers, and went into the large vaulted inner room. Here also he lighted up a pipe, and, leaning against the wall, with the raised stonage disengaged, he waited for the friend, who, in about twenty or twenty-five minutes, over-shouldered the lamp hanging down from it in the centre. While they thus reclined at ease, waiting till either a servant or some other latter like themselves should enter, Osman, who had now no doubts left in his mind as to the real and bodily identity of his companion, could not resist the temptation of recounting to him the previous adventures of the night. So he told him that he was awakened and that he had seen a pair of doors by a phantasmal assembling in shape and number the friend now beside him, and how they had almost arrived at the bath, when the spectre betrayed itself for what it really was by the portentous foot already described. The other listened without interrupting the story, in apparent astonishment, till, at the narrator concluded: "So," he subjuncted, "hanging the lantern it was carrying on the top of the big minaret, did it?" "Yes," replied the first, "I think he could have lifted this," and a foot of stone suddenly lengthened out just as the arm had done before, and with a kick struck his highest point of the central vault above the bath, shattering to pieces the lamp where it hung. Osman leapt up terrified, as well he might be, and found himself alone in pitch darkness, for every light in the bath had been instantaneously extinguished. However, as he had often been in the bath before, and was thoroughly well acquainted with it, he did not lose his nerve, but, after a moment's pause, he sprang to his feet, and, by way to the door, and rushed out, in bathing costume as he was, into the open air, leaving his own clothes, which he did not venture to scorch after, behind him in the entrance room. But as he crossed to open space between the coffee-house and the bath, he looked back, and, to his horror, saw the dim and distant top of the minaret with all the fortress once more lighted up, and the spectral lantern hanging from its top, and the trembling figure of the man back to his own room.

There he found his wife fast asleep, and much was she surprised when he woke her to see him so quickly returned, and with such strange attire. He now made a clean breast of it, telling her of all that had happened to him that night from first to last, and adding, that when the day was up would return to the bath and fetch his clothes from where he had left them. But scarcely had he finished his narrative, when the alarm was again given, the same rap that he had heard before was repeated over his side. Osman's wife, naturally enough, treated her husband to pay no attention to it. But like Tam-o'-Shanter in a similar case, he would not take advice:—

“But to our tale.” Osman, who was no means a coward, and whose mettle now fairly up, swore that he would be the manner-*out* to the end; besides, and he, the dawn must now be near, and it so hardly be a phantom again this time. So got up, went in, bathing apparel as he was, to the house-door, and opened it. He saw enough, there stood his friend, or so seemed, for the matter, in the doorway.

“What is the matter with you,” asked figure, “that you stare so wildly at me? how come you to be in such a dress?”

“My own wearing-clothes are at bath,” replied Osman; and forthwith proceeded to give an account of all that he seen that night, and how he had been so spectre-stricken, thinking to himself “if time it be a phantom, too, like the other may as well provoke it to show its character at once, before we go further.”

But his friend, on hearing all this, pressed the utmost astonishment.

“Me!” he said: “why I have only this nut to tell my muse, and I was going just myself to the bath, when it occurred to me to light the well pass by your door, and the welcome of calling you up, in case might not be availed already. You must be dreaming somehow. Any way, let me now go at once, and look for your coat where you have left them, lest anybody should come in the meanwhile and take away them.”

My dear brother Osman felt sure that the speaker was his own live neighbour, and so he rose. So, after a little more parley, they went together, and soon stood before the wicket door; before the outer door was widely open, and the interior of the building brightly lighted, but neither butlerkeeper at the entrance, nor any other living creature. Osman went to the corner where he had first undressed, and there found his clothes lying, untouched and folded, exactly as he had left them. His impulse was to put them on without delay, but his friend suggested that, as the wicket was heated, they might as well make use of it; so the two entered the inner room,

wait till the ordinary attendants should enter on service. They sat awhile and talked on, or no one came. But suddenly a confused noise, like that of a crowd, was heard proceeding from one of the dimly-remembered recesses of the hall. Osman, who was sitting out, turned back to look, and turning his head back a moment towards his seeming friend, perceived that his face was changed and horrible, and his stature gigantic. And now from the dark niche whence the sound had been heard issued a long procession of countless figures—men, women, children, on foot, on horseback, armed, armed, armed, on foot, on horseback, armed, lance, swords, drum, fife; mixed multitude, large, small, grotesque, fearful, hideous. They filled the entire place; they swarmed round Osman; they pointed at him, they laughed, they danced, they clamoured, they sung, they plucked the strangest antics, till in a twinkling, the first sharp or the last of the multitude, the first prayer, the last prayer sounded from the minare's gallery of the old mosque outside, until they vanished into nothing; the lights went suddenly out; and Osman, left alone and in darkness, felt fainting on the stone pavement of the floor. There he remained till he was wakened by the bath-keeper, who came at daylight, and was found at home, still insensible. But before long he recovered consciousness, and told his story; for some hours, even, he seemed none the worse for his spectral adventure. As evening approached, however, fever came on him, and he for several days was like a man in pain, the crisis had passed, but his mind, his paralysis, his senses were impaired in mind and body, a mere wreck. Such he now continues. His friend, whose semblance the "mock" had three assumed, had never, as they afterwards found, left his house during that fatal night, nor even till late the following morning.

WU-TU-SHI, a Military Queen, "so
distant," Example of the Will of Heaven, was a bold unprincipled woman, who filled the
throne for a number of years during the
Taung dynasty. She was remarkable for her
great beauty, discernment, unblushing
rrogance and insolence, and for a dispo-
sition so cruel and cruel that she delighted
in the infliction of suffering, and stopped at
nothing in the accomplishment of her ne-
farious plans and intrigues. She hated truth
and virtue; and to wreak her vengeance
upon the innocent by inhuman tortures, in
putting them to death, or by tearing them
away from their families, was the special
pastime which she took to afford her the
highest gratification. To her cruel Edicts
she shocked the conscience of the Court by
promulgating herself The Supreme Ruler
Heaven, The Most Holy God and
Sovereign of the Universe and Author of
Life! Hardly a man of truth and integrity
remained in the State Councils, as she gave
the highest offices to abandoned women and
infamous men, loading them with riches and
honours in proportion to their vices and
crimes, provided, always, they paid her the
most sycophantic homage, and unquestioning obedi-
ence. She even earned the College of the
Hanlin into an Imperial library, and conferred
the highest literary degree upon the most
shameless and notoriously vile women, ex-
hausting all arts of skill and deception in
trying to keep up their power and influence,
and prove herself a Supreme Being, even
forcing flowers to bloom by artificial means,
and then commanding them to wither in the
presence of her. One day, after
commanding the Great Mountain flowers to open,
there was so much urged that they did not instan-
tly obey, they were ordered to be taken
from her sight and burned up, the order ex-
tending to the burning of all the Mountain
flowers in the city, and no more Mountain flowers
were ever allowed to bloom in the capital
during her reign!

No one was allowed to say that the Queen was fair as a lily, or beautiful as a lotus flower, but the lily was as pure, the rose and the lotus as beautiful as Her Majesty!

This extraordinary woman reigned twenty-two years, and gave her own name to the Dynasty. When she was old and infirm, and no longer, she bequeathed this Throne to her brother, in place of the heir apparent her own son, that her name might be perpetuated, justly fearing that the sons would give his father's name to the Dynasty. But she was prevented from carrying into execution this last act of injustice by her prime Minister T'ih-jen-kih, who placed her son on the Throne and obliged her, very unwillingly, to take the place of Empress Dowager, still calling herself the Queen. "I don't agree," said she, "in the wise of heritable." "Ours!"

It is not strange that she was so in cruelty and in every variety of wickedness and crime. In striking contrast with this extraordinary woman the Chinese placed her prime Minister T'ih-jen-kih, who was said to be the only person in the Empire for whom she had the slightest respect. He is described as a man of commanding presence, of extensive and varied learning, of great strength of mind, with an inexorable will and sound judgment, devoted to his duty, and of inflexible integrity.

tient determination and inflexible integrity
 to the best interests of the Empire. He
 always showed the greatest consideration for
 others, and his manners were so yielding
 graceful and courteous, that he gained
 boundless influence over all his subjects,
 and particularly with the so-called "Supreme
 Ruler of Heaven and Sovereign of the Un-
 derworld."
 None of his high officers who were unjust
 degraded or left their posts in disgust,
 despairing of ever doing any thing, were
 under the stifling reign of the "Incom-
 parable One;" and though he faithfully dis-
 charged all their varied and complicated du-
 ties, yet with real humility he declined all
 titles and emoluments, never allowing him-
 self to be called by any other name than his
 "jen-chia" "old man." In his hours of lei-
 sure from state duties; he joined heartily in
 the festive amusements of the court,
 and was particularly fond of the "exer-
 cise, of games of skill and chance." One
 day, in a playful game of hazard with
 a courtier who was extravagantly fond
 of the game, boasted of his great wealth and
 costly robes, according to the custom of
 day pledged them in play) he won from him
 a magnificent Court robe of green peacock
 feathers, which the courtier was unwilling
 to relinquish, and the premier had no wish
 to claim. But there were some who envied the
 courtier his rare green robe, and the affair
 was carried before the Queen, who not only
 ordered that the robe should be immediately
 given up, but that the "old man" should

directly array himself in it and appear in her presence that she might be sure it was in his possession; this he did, to her great delight; for, though was had been before the Court at her feet, she had not the most powerful of his simple words, and the most powerful of his simple words, he gained an increasing influence. It was through him that the Taig dynasty was saved and her son placed upon the Throne; though not till he had been falsely accused of high treason and condemned an ignominious death by his unnatural mother, and the Empire was on the verge of ruin, did the wise "old man" put forth his arm of power, take the helm of fate, and save the country from destruction by placing the rightful heir on the Throne, who, having the wisdom to retain the "old man" always first in his counsels and in his Cabinet Councils,—graciously men of worth and influence returned to the Court and gathered around them, order was restored, wise laws enacted, the Empire again prospered, and the son of "Heaven" was born,—the son of the best and most efficient sovereign of the age. And through the virtuous and influence of one *ho nan*, say my Chinese teachers!

Assurances.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LONDON.
INCORPORATED 1859.

CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.
The Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are pre-
pared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies
at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

NOTICE.

In conformity with the Special Resolution adopted and confirmed at the Extraordinary Meetings of Shareholders held on the 14th and 15th instants, altering Clauses Nos. 130, 131, 132, and 133 of the Articles of Association of the Company, to take effect from 1st November 1900, the following is a copy of the said Resolution.

changes to take effect from 1st November 1871), the Net Profits of the Company will at that date, be distributed as follows, viz. one-third (1/3rd) to all contributors, whether shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of premia contributed by each. One-third (1/3rd) to Shareholders generally according to the number of shares held by each.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents
of 14 Hongkong, 16th February, 1872.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks
at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
471 Hongkong, 6th March, 1868.

Flag &

Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COM
PANY OF MANCHESTER AND
LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hong Kong, Canton, Poochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
of 1958 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE

THE Undersigned are now prepared to grant
on behalf of the above Company, Policies
against Fire on First-class Buildings, to an ex-
tent of \$10,000.
A discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon
the current local rates will be allowed on a
premium charged for insurance; such discount
being deducted at the time of the issue of po-
licies.

By **RUSSELL & Co.,**
Agents
15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1873.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**
Reputation in the RATES of PREMIUM.

Detached & semi-detached Dwell- ing Houses, removed from town, and their contents.	1 per cent per annum
Other dwelling Houses erected strict- ly on cash, and their contents.	1 "
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents.	1 "

On and after this date, a discount of 20

On and after this date, a discount of 10 per cent. off the above rates will be allowed to Insurers.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile
Insurance Company.

11 1708 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

SHIPPING IN THE		
Time	Commodity	Destination

HONGKONG MARKETS.

Reported by Chinese on the 15th March, 1941.

COTTON GOODS.		
ON YARN, No 10-24, per piece	11.00	c
" 35 & 38,	10.00	"
" 40 & 44,	9.00	"
" 46 & 48,	8.00	"
" 50 & 52,	7.00	"
" 54 & 56,	6.00	"
" 58 & 60,	5.00	"
" 62 & 64,	4.00	"
" 66 & 68,	3.00	"
" 70 & 72,	2.00	"
" 74 & 76,	1.00	"
" 78 & 80,	0.50	"
" 82 & 84,	0.25	"
" 86 & 88,	0.10	"
" 90 & 92,	0.05	"
" 94 & 96,	0.02	"
" 98 & 100,	0.01	"
" 102 & 104,	0.00	"
" 106 & 108,	0.00	"
" 110 & 112,	0.00	"
" 114 & 116,	0.00	"
" 118 & 120,	0.00	"
" 122 & 124,	0.00	"
" 126 & 128,	0.00	"
" 130 & 132,	0.00	"
" 134 & 136,	0.00	"
" 138 & 140,	0.00	"
" 142 & 144,	0.00	"
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" 158 & 160,	0.00	"
" 162 & 164,	0.00	"
" 166 & 168,	0.00	"
" 170 & 172,	0.00	"
" 174 & 176,	0.00	"
" 178 & 180,	0.00	"
" 182 & 184,	0.00	"
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" 226 & 228,	0.00	"
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" 234 & 236,	0.00	"
" 238 & 240,	0.00	"
" 242 & 244,	0.00	"
" 246 & 248,	0.00	"
" 250 & 252,	0.00	"
" 254 & 256,	0.00	"
" 258 & 260,	0.00	"
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" 274 & 276,	0.00	"
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" 286 & 288,	0.00	"
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" 294 & 296,	0.00	"
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" 302 & 304,	0.00	"
" 306 & 308,	0.00	"
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" 398 & 400,	0.00	"
" 402 & 404,	0.00	"
" 406 & 408,	0.00	"
" 410 & 412,	0.00	"
" 414 & 416,	0.00	"
" 418 & 420,	0.00	"
" 422 & 4		

WOOLLEN GOODS.		
PIEN STRUMP	per yard	01
ELLIS, M. M. Assorted	per piece	87
Assorted	per yard	7
Assorted	per yard	81
Assorted	per yard	87
Assorted	per yard	17
Assorted	per yard	21
Assorted	per yard	21
Assorted	per yard	26
Assorted	per yard	14
METALS.		
Nail Rod Nos. 1 & 2	per piece	41
Hoop	per yard	4
Bar	per yard	2
Small Round Rod	per yard	2
Wire	per yard	6
English	per yard	4
Swedish	per yard	4
Malacca	per piece	4
Malacca	per piece	8
Malacca	per piece	24
Malacca	per piece	115
Malacca	per piece	115

TON WATERS.	
Vessel.	Captains.

Cotton, Shanghai, 1911

21 Ningpo,
 22 Tientsin,
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27 Shantung,
 28 Bangkok,
 29 ALUMINUM,
 30 SASEMAUNTA, Japan white,
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 32 Kien, Bengal, CARGO No. 2
 33
 34 Siam, white,
 35 mill cleaned,
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 37 JAVAN,
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 39 Singapore,
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 41 Saigon,
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 43 Rangoon,
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 45 SALTPEPER,
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 47 COAL, AFRICAN,
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 50 American Anthracite,
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 52 Sydney,
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 55 STRAITS PRODUCE, &c.,
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 57 RATTANS, STRAITS,
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 59 PEPPER, WHITE,
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 61 Black,
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89	SANDAY, Wood Malacca,	South Seas,
90	SAPAY, Wood, Manila,	Siang,
91	ELGUE, California, per sack of 60	America, per barrel of 500
92	WHEAT, Tainian,	Wheat,
93	SUGAR, Canton white, 1 & 3	Dr. Brown,
94	Wheat Coast, Dr. BROWN,	Galle,
95	Manila, Dr. Brown,	Dr. Brown,
96	CAMPBELL, packed,	Green,
97	PEARL, White,	Black,
98	Black,	Black,
99	MINERKHOES, Japan,	Green,
100	SHAWNEE, Green,	Cue,
101	MUSSELS, Dry Siam, small	Small,
102	VERMIGLIS, Tainian,	Small,
103	BASS WAL, Japan,	Kachow,

	Tons	Consignees.
1890	1,000	...
1891	1,200	...
1892	1,500	...
1893	1,800	...
1894	2,000	...
1895	2,200	...
1896	2,500	...
1897	2,800	...
1898	3,000	...
1899	3,200	...
1900	3,500	...
1901	3,800	...
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1904	4,500	...
1905	4,800	...
1906	5,000	...
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1911	6,200	...
1912	6,500	...
1913	6,800	...
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1997	27,800	...
1998	28,000	...
1999	28,200	...
2000	28,500	...
2001	28,800	...
2002	29,000	...
2003	29,200	...
2004	29,500	...
2005	29,800	...
2006	30,000	...</

SHIPPING IN THE CANTON WATERS.

Vessels.	Captains.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
HONGKONG.					
SPRAMEES.					
Andrews	Brit. str.	1008	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Davies	Brit. str.	1398	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	
Royner	Brit. str.	775	Svensson & Co.		
G. van	Brit. str.	735	Gran & Co.		
Hillabro	Span. str.	533	E. J. Sage		
Richardson	Brit. str.	110	H. K. & W. Dh. Co.	Tug Flying	
Bennett	Brit. str.	1050	A. Heard & Co., Agents	Laid up	
Gaby	Brit. str.	1800	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Donat	Race. str.	600	Landstein & Co.		
Milom	Brit. str.	606	Kwak Acheong	Swatow	
Williams	Amr. str.	681	D. Laprak & Co.		
S. W. Cowing	Amr. str.	240	Aud. Heard & Co., Agents		
Urry	Brit. str.	831	A. Heard & Co., Agents		
Alcantara	Spain. str.	689	Order		
Brill. str.	101	Acheong			
Watson	Brit. str.	1217	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Singapore	
Mait	Brit. str.	851	Aud. Heard & Co., Agents		
	Brit. str.	332	Acheong	Laid up	
Running between Hongkong and Canton. Running between Macao and Hongkong.					
SAILING VESSELS.					
Nelson	Brit. sh.	1342	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
De Lauricra	Peru. sh.	1650	Order		
Bismarck	Ger. bk.	240	Russell & Co.		
Bernard	Brit. sh.	587	Russell & Co.		
Reynie	Dan. bk.	368	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
J. Hoyer	Peru. sh.	843	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Portland	
Asterjulia	Fren. sh.	858	Russell & Co.		
Equin	Span. bk.	407	Renedos & Co.		
Breddo	Brit. sh.	468	S. B. Burrows & Sons		
Svensten	Brit. sh.	790	Aud. Heard & Co.		
Peterson	Brit. sh.	817	Captain		
J. W. Roy	Ger. bk.	400	Wm. Postat & Co.	Saigon	
Buyen	Brit. sh.	1800	Order		
Vorullid	Peru. sh.	693	Gilman & Co.		
L. de la Barre	Brit. sh.	529	Rozario & Co.		
McClenna	Amr. bk.	438	Robt. Howard & Co.		
Patterson	Brit. sh.	234	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Edward James	W. Hughes	224	Russell & Co.		
Eleazar Dixon	Peru. sh.	272	Russell & Co.		
Emigrete	Brit. bk.	274	Moliers & Co.		
Esperance	Amr. bk.	670	Rozario & Co.		
Aribaldi	Fren. bk.	176	D. Desques		
Georges	Brit. sh.	1058	Russell & Co.		
Georges	Brit. sh.	632	Chinitse		
John Jackot	Siann. sh.	578	Yuen-Fat-Hong		
Handy	Brit. sh.	450	Engl. Harb. & Co.		
Hoffman	Brit. sh.	480	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Quedana	Siann. bk.	380	Chinese		
Joachim Christian	Siann. bk.	421	Chinese		
Kien-yuan-tye	Helston. bk.	904	Order		
Barneo	Peru. sh.	700	Order		
Loia	Peru. sh.	124	Chinese		
Viduurainga	Peru. sh.	909	Order		
Bisset	Peru. sh.	370	Chinese		
Luis Olagubal	Laurens. bk.	314	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Mango Capuo	Ger. bk.	202	Ed. Schillars & Co.		
Monning Star	Ger. bk.	325	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Nicoline	Ned. bk.	422	Ed. Schellars & Co.		
Oden	Peru. sh.	600	Olazo		
Falla	Siann. bk.	408	Chinese		
Prast	Ned. bk.	646	D. Laprak & Co.		
Providence	Fren. sh.	616	Garcia M. Garcia		
Rapid	Fren. sh.	320	Renedos & Co.		
Regina Marie	Brit. sh.	454	Russell & Co.		
Rosalie	Brit. sh.	307	Juridine, Marleson & Co.		
San Lorenzo	Siann. sh.	539	Chinese		
Seas Belle	Siann. sh.	384	Chinese		
Chinese Crown	Brit. sh.	322	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Sophia	Brit. sh.	335	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Talbot	Brit. sh.	350	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Thomas	Ger. bk.	480	Bourjon & Co.		
Petersen	Ger. bk.	480	Bourjon & Co.		
Wilhelm	Ger. bk.	480	Bourjon & Co.		
RECEIVING VESSELS & HULKES.					
Obase	Welsher	Pow. Mag.	283	Harbor Master	
Port William	Hulk	Hulk	1000	P. & O. Co.	
John Adams	Sprad	Hulk	318	Water Police	
H. M. S. SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.					
Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Where At.		
Aron	doub. sc. gun ve.	4	Comr. Patterson	Hankow	
Adventurer	sc. at. transport	2	In Reserve	Hongkong	
Cadmus	Steam Corvette	14	Capt. Wm. H. Whyte	Shanghai	
Orlew	doub. sc. gun vl.	3	Acting Comdr. Digby	Shanghai	
Dove	gun-boat	3	To be sold	Foochow	
Dwarf	doub. sc. gun vl.	4	Comdr. B. W. Baz	Foochow	
Elk	doub. sc. gun vl.	4	Comdr. J. B. Bamett	Singapore	
Flamer	Hospital	—	—	Hongkong	
Horn-t	doub. sc. gun vl.	14	Capt. W. Arthur	Hongkong	
Ivon Duke	sc. iron at.	8	Lieut. Whish	Chinkiang	
Leven	gun-boat	3	—	Hongkong	
Mouree	Military Hospital	—	—	Hongkong	
Metille	Naval Hospital	—	Dr. Loney	Hongkong	
Midie	doub. sc. gun vl.	4	Lieut. Comdr. Bond	Hongkong	
Mosquito	gun-boat	3	Lieut. Comdr. Field	Hongkong	
Opasman	gun-boat	3	Commodore Shortt	Hongkong	
Princess Charlotte	Receiving ship	16	Comr. Parsons	Hongkong	
Rinaldo	screw sloop	7	Acting Comr. Dickens	Hongkong	
Ringdove	doub. sc. gun vl.	3	—	Hongkong	
Salmus	pad. des. vessel	4	Com. Hon. Fitzmaurice	Yokohama	
Thaizer	doub. sc. gun va.	4	Capt. H. B. Woolcomb	Hongkong	
Thaizer	Steam Corvette	6	Comr. H. K. Lee	Tientsin	
Thistle	doub. sc. gun va.	4	Comr. Hon. A. Denison	Singapore	
Zebra	screw sloop	7	—	Singapore	
FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR IN HARBOUR.					
Name.	Nation.	Tons.	Where At.		
Belliqueuse	French corvette	3000	Libiendiero		
Bourayne	Port corvette	180	Seas		
Duque de Palmella	Port corvette	180	J. de V. N. Ferrari		
Moncey	American g. b.	1089	O. F. Stanton		
Luckawanna	U.S. corvette	1300	Paul Shirley		
SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.					
Vessel.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
WHAMPOA.					
Liptin	Brit. str.	83	Acheong	Laid up	
Prince Albert	Brit. str.	180	Acheong		
SAILING VESSELS.					
Alb. baron	Ger. bk.	305	Nielsen & Co.	Tientsin	
Chariatshavn	Djorup	241	John Burd & Co.	Tientsin	
Faugh Bulmugh	O'Keefe	277	Garlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Harwich	Dickens	313	Yotel, Hagdorn & Co.	London	
Ito	Ger. bk.	242	Metchers & Co.	London	
Yveska	Ger. bk.	808	Metchers & Co.	London	
CANTON.					
An-lau	H.I.C.M.	62	Seas	Seas	
China	Ger. str.	643	Seas	Seas	
China-Sing	H.I.C.M.	703	Seas	Seas	
Chinkiang	Brit. str.	78	Seas	Seas	
SHIPPING IN MANILA HARBOUR.					
Vessel.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Adolf	Ger. bk.	297	T. Hermann & Co.		
Angela	Span. bk.	451	H. J. Andrews & Co.		
Banang	Brit. sh.	780	F. Richardson & Co.		
Candelaria	Span. bk.	407	F. Reyes		
Candida	Span. bk.	335	C. L. Yarn & Co.		
Elisa	Span. bk.	118	F. Reyes		
Faiza Albon	Brit. bk.	563	Order		
Flores de Maria	Span. bk.	248	F. Reyes		
Gracia	Span. bk.	246	F. Munoz		
L. y S. Hermance	Span. bk.	548	T. y Castro		
Josefina	Span. bk.	516	Guirelondo & Co.		
Maria Fidla	Span. str.	491	Kerr & Co.		
Marivela	Span. bk.	201	F. Reyes		
N. Lantaro	Span. bk.	433	Aguires & Co.		
Richard Bued	Amr. sh.	682	O. Hansen & Co.		
Santa Ana	Span. bk.	444	Order		
Southern Bell	Brit. sh.	1128	Kerr & Co.		
Trinidad	Span. bk.	241	Ouellet & Co.		
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